

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing access to information related to a broadcast television program, the method comprising:

delivering the broadcast television program for display on a television screen within a home;

receiving an input from a user that selects a function which corresponds to at least a portion of the broadcast television program during said delivering; and

in response to said received input, performing said function at least in part outside said home.

2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising associating said function with the broadcast television program.

3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising notifying said user of said function corresponding to said at least a portion of the broadcast television program.

4. The method according to claim 1, further comprising broadcasting an indication of said function along with the broadcast television program.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein said input is a code representative of said function.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein said input is generated from at least one of a remote control, a keyboard, a scanning device and an audio processing device.

7. The method according to claim 1, further comprising generating supplemental information related to the broadcast television program in response to said received input.

8. The method according to claim 7, further comprising presenting said supplemental information to said user.

9. The method according to claim 7, further comprising presenting said supplemental information to said user concurrently with said delivering of the broadcast television program.

10. The method according to claim 1, further comprising displaying information related to said performance of said function.

11. A machine-readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having at least one code section for providing access to information related to a broadcast television program, the at least one code section being executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform steps comprising:

delivering the broadcast television program for display on a television screen within a home;

receiving an input from a user that selects a function which corresponds to at least a portion of the broadcast television program during said delivering; and

in response to said received input, performing said function at least in part outside said home.

12. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for associating said function with the broadcast television program.

13. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for notifying said user of said function corresponding to said at least a portion of the broadcast television program.

14. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for broadcasting an indication of said function along with the broadcast television program.

15. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, wherein said input is a code representative of said function.

16. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, wherein said input is generated from at least one of a remote control, a keyboard, a scanning device and an audio processing device.

17. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for generating supplemental information related to the broadcast television program in response to said received input.

18. The machine-readable storage according to claim 17, further comprising code for presenting said supplemental information to said user.

19. The machine-readable storage according to claim 17, further comprising code for presenting said supplemental information to said user concurrently with said delivering of the broadcast television program.

20. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code that causes information related to said performance of said function to be displayed.

21. A system for providing access to information related to a broadcast television program, the system comprising:

at least one processor that delivers the broadcast television program for display on a television screen within a home;

said at least one processor receives an input from a user that selects a function which corresponds to at least a portion of the broadcast television program during said delivering; and

said at least one processor performs said function at least in part outside said home in response to said received input.

22. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor associates said function with the broadcast television program.

23. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor notifies said user of said function corresponding to said at least a portion of the broadcast television program.

24. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor broadcasts an indication of said function along with the broadcast television program.

25. The system according to claim 21, wherein said input is a code representative of said function.

26. The system according to claim 21, wherein said input is generated from at least one of a remote control, a keyboard, a scanning device and an audio processing device.

27. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor generating supplemental information related to the broadcast television program in response to said received input.

28. The system according to claim 27, wherein said at least one processor presents said supplemental information to said user.

29. The system according to claim 27, wherein said at least one processor presents said supplemental information to said user concurrently with said delivering of the broadcast television program.

30. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor displays information related to said performance of said function.

31. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor is at least one of a media processing system processor, a media management system processor, a computer processor, media exchange software processor and a media peripheral processor.